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UNIFORM ENTERTAINMENT TAX SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Uniform Entertainment Tax system in all the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c): Entertainment Tax is a State subject and the rate of tax vary from State to State.

The 25th State Information Ministers' Conference (SIMCON), which was held in New Delhi on 15-16 April 2005, inter alia, discussed the need for rationalization of entertainment tax rates in States. While the rationalization of entertainment tax has been carried out in several States, there was consensus on the need to further bring down the ceiling on entertainment tax levels to 25-30%. The progressive reduction in entertainment tax levels would be able to provide a major fillip to the entertainment industry.